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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 16, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1 and 5-10 and add claims 11-<sup>30</sup>~~18~~ as follows:

11. (new) A test kit for determining qualitatively or quantitatively the presence of an analyte in a fluid sample, said test kit comprising:

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- (a) an assay device, said assay device having a detection zone, wherein the presence of the analyte in the fluid sample is indicated by accumulation of a labeled reagent within the detection zone; and
  - (b) a reading device effective to detect labeled reagent, said reading device comprising means for initiation of the reading device to detect labeled reagent in the detection zone,

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